



# National Tenpin Coaches Association

## 2023-2024 Final Coaches Poll

### Jacksonville State was a Unanimous Choice

April 25, 2024 ---Jacksonville State was a unanimous choice in polling conducted by the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) as the nation's top NCAA bowling team for the 2023-24 season.

The Gamecocks marched through their season with a veteran lineup that included four All-Americans (three first-team) and capped their campaign with a 4-3 baker match win over Arkansas State in the national championship game.

The Red Wolves came in second in the coaches' polling after winning their NCAA regional and advancing to the title match after defeating Youngstown State in the national semi-finals. The Penguins were ranked third in the final poll.

North Carolina A & T was fourth, edging out Vanderbilt and reversing the order from the NTCA's March poll. Four of the top five teams and six of the Top 10 are members of Conference USA.

Nebraska finished the season ranked sixth, just ahead of Final Four member Sam Houston State, which jumped from 11<sup>th</sup> in March on the basis of its regional championship. Louisiana Tech, Maryville and Duquesne complete the Top 10.

Maryland-Eastern Shore heads the second 10 with Mount St. Mary's 12<sup>th</sup>, Stephen F. Austin 13<sup>th</sup> and late-blooming Merrimack, which was a surprise winner of the Northeast Conference and impressive in its regional appearance, jumped to 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tulane came in 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by Newman, Sacred Heart, Fairleigh Dickinson, Valparaiso and Wisconsin-Water rounding out the Top 20.

Delaware State, Oklahoma Christian, Niagara, McKendree and St. Vincent complete the Top 25.



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Rank	School, Location, Conference Affiliation	1st Place Votes	Point Total	March Ranking
1	Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL (CUSA)	35	1320	1
2	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (CUSA)		1221	2
3	Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH (CUSA)		1155	3
4	North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC (MEAC)		1011	5
5	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (CUSA)		981	4
6	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (INDEPENDENT)		959	6
7	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (CUSA)		929	10
8	Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA (CUSA)		869	7
9	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (GLVC)		737	9
10	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (NEC)		733	8
11	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD (MEAC)		581	15
12	Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD (INDEPENDENT)		543	12
13	Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX (CUSA)		493	11
14	Merrimack College, North Andover, MA (NEC)		452	16
15	Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (CUSA)		417	13
16	Newman University, Wichita, KS (GLVC)		336	14
17	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (NEC)		266	18
18	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ (NEC)		260	19
19	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (CUSA)		234	17
20	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		158	21
21	Delaware State University, Dover, DE (MEAC)		157	24
22	Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, OK (INDEPENDENT)		118	22
23	Niagara University, Niagara University, NY (NEC)		78	23
24	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (GLVC)		72	20
25	Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA (AMCC)		44	25

**Also Receiving Votes:** Mercyhurst University, William Smith College, University of Central Missouri, and Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania).

*Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top twenty-five programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from forty points for first place and one point for twenty-fifth place. To be ranked teams need to equal or surpass the minimum vote criteria, which is one vote for every eight ballots submitted. The actual ranking position is determined by using the adjusted point standings, which lists in priority order the total points a school has accumulated after the highest and lowest votes are dropped.*

*The specific point values follow: 1st place = 40 points, 2nd =37, 3rd =35, 4th =33, 5th =31, 6th =29, 7th =27, 8th =25, 9th =23, 10th =21, 11th =19, 12th =17, 13th =15, 14th =13, 15th =11, 16th =10, 17th =9, 18th =8, 19th =7, 20th =6, 21st =5, 22nd =4, 23rd =3, 24th =2, 25th =1.*